



*The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts*

# The Tolland Tattler

---

Published by the Board of Selectmen

DECEMBER 2006

---



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS - HAMPDEN, SS.  
To the Constable of the TOWN OF TOLLAND in the County of Hampden GREETING

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the TOWN HALL in said TOWN OF TOLLAND on Thursday, the twenty-first (21st) day of December at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purpose:

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to grant an easement on and across certain Property owned by the Town of Tolland as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Tolland, MA Owned by Richard & Jacqueline Dziedzic Showing Easement To Be Granted From The Town of Tolland" dated June 28, 2004 along Meadow Lane a/k/a Muskrat Ramble in said Tolland, Massachusetts, to the Jacqueline K. Dziedzic Nominee Trust for driveway purposes, leach field purposes, and to maintain a ramp to gain access to the lake for docking purposes, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town of Tolland said easement document and do all things necessary to accomplish the grant of easement.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting true and attested copies thereof at FOUR PUBLIC PLACES in said Town FOURTEEN (14) DAYS at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this fifth (5) day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand six.

SELECTMEN OF TOLLAND

*Eric R. Munson, Jr., James Deming, Steven DellaGiustina*

*Each month the Tattler is printing one Tolland Bylaw to familiarize newcomers with the bylaws and refresh the memories of all residents.*

Winter Parking Ban Bylaw  
Town of Tolland, Massachusetts

The Board of Selectmen, or its designees, may declare a Winter Parking Ban on all ways within the town during the period beginning November 1 through April 30 for the purposes of snow and ice removal.

No motor vehicle shall be parked on any way within the town during the Winter Parking Ban

Motor Vehicle Removal: The Chief of Police and/or the Superintendent of Public Works or their designee may remove or cause to be removed any motor vehicle parked in violation of the Winter Parking Ban

Owner Responsible for Charges: The owner or operator of a motor vehicle which is removed pursuant to this by-law shall be subject to an additional fine and shall be fully responsible for all charges and expenses incurred for removal and storage of such motor vehicle.

Penalty for Violation of this Bylaw: In addition to any other legal remedies that may be available, Whoever violates any provision of this by-law, the violation of which is subject to specific penalty, may be penalized by non-criminal disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D as amended in accordance with the penalty and fine schedule established in the Town of Tolland Bylaw.

Adopted at Special Town Meeting March 28, 2005

Approved by Massachusetts Attorney General on November 16, 2000

---

Snow Removal Bylaw  
Town of Tolland, Massachusetts

No person, other than an employee in the service of the Commonwealth or the Town of Tolland or an employee in the service of an independent contractor acting for the Commonwealth or the Town of Tolland, shall pile, push or plow snow or ice into town roads so as to impede the flow of traffic on such way.

Penalty for Violation of this Bylaw: In addition to any other legal remedies that may be available, Whoever violates any provision of this by-law, the violation of which is subject to specific penalty, may be penalized by non-criminal disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D as amended in accordance with the penalty and fine schedule established in the Town of Tolland Bylaw.

Adopted at Special Town Meeting March 28, 2005

Approved by Massachusetts Attorney General on November 16, 2005

### *From the Office of the Board of Selectmen*

- The Selectmen will meet on the following dates at the Town Hall at 5:00PM:  
Monday, December 4th, 11th & 18th
- The Selectmen will not be meeting on Monday, December 25th and January 1st.
- The board will only recognize those individuals or groups who have contacted the Administrative Assistant to be placed on the meetings agenda by noon of that Monday's meeting. The board may also limit the amount of time allowed for individuals to speak. Also, it is requested that you state the purpose of your visit so that the board can plan accordingly. Walk ins may be recognized if time allows at the end of the meeting. No appointments will be taken on the third Monday of each month.
- Winter sand is available only to Tolland residents and is located outside the Transfer Station gate. For safety concerns do not enter the large sand/salt shed. The intent is that resident may fill a bucket for home use; walkways, stairs. This supply of sand is for personal use only, not business use.
- The Board of Selectmen would like to announce and congratulate Wayne Carr as Highway Superintendent and Robert M. Littlefield, Sr. as Working Forman.

#### Notices to Department Heads:

- The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee would like to remind you that Fiscal 2008 capital expenditure budgets are due to the Finance Committee by January 8, 2007. Detail in the budget is expected.
- Fiscal 2008 operating budgets will be due on February 12, 2007.
- Fiscal Year FY06/Calendar Year department reports are due on January 22, 2007  
NO LATER THAN.

*Eric R. Munson, Jr., James Deming, Steven DellaGiustina*

---

### *Public Hearing*

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday December 4th, 2006 at 5:00pm at the Town Hall concerning a request of Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England Inc. requesting permission to locate a pole, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way:

Location – Poles will be located on the northerly and southerly side of Clubhouse Road beginning approximately 500 feet the intersection with North Trial.

Reason – Install six (6) jointly owned poles to provide service to the new home of Gerald Mannion.

*Eric R. Munson, Jr., Chariman, Board of Selectmen*

### *From the office of The Tax Collector*

Real estate and personal property tax bills for Fiscal year 2007, which ends June 30, 2007 will be mailed sometime in December.

The tax bills are due 30 days from mailing at:  
The Tolland Town Hall  
Collector's Office  
241 West Granville Rd  
Tolland, MA 01034

By law, the bills were mailed to the owners of record as of Jan 1, 2006  
Any new homeowner or anyone who does not receive a real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the collector's office. The Collector's Office can be reached at (413)258-4794.

---



## Breakfast with Santa!

The Granville-Tolland Lion's Club will be hosting the annual "Breakfast With Santa" on Saturday, December 9th from 7:00am to 11:00am at the Fellowship Hall below the Granville Federated Church, Granville, MA. The ALL You Can Eat - Pancake-Sausage-Bacon-Juice and Coffee breakfast, hosted by Santa and his Helpers is \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for Children 6-12 years and free for children 5 years and under.

So kids, come tell santa what you're wishing for! Proceeds from this event are donated by the Lion's to support: Massachusetts based Eye Research, Community based Emergency Services and Local Youth Sports.

We'll see you there!

## *Tolland Public Library*

Welcome back to the Library.

On the calendar this month will be our annual Holiday Open House on December 16th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. All the holiday books will be out on display with a few new additions. And best of all, the holiday movies will be out. There will be pastries and coffee, treats, and a craft table for the kids. Stop in and see how nice we look and share some Holiday spirit

It has been a long and busy month. On October 28, with the help of several students from the Southwick-Tolland Regional High School chapter of the National Honor Society, the Library was emptied of every book, tape, video and computer. The furniture was removed immediately following by the Faithful members of the Tolland DPW. As quickly as possible we painted all the walls behind the book cases and anywhere else that needed sprucing up. All the carpeting was put in place by the following Thursday and the NHS kids and I started bringing everything back in. Little by little we brought everything in and reorganized and designed the layout of the Library. Now we are open and ready for business. A few messes yet to be untangled but ready for business.

I would like to thank all the kids who helped me: Kurissa Stefaniw, Saige, Sam and Lilly Kelmelis, Leah Karathenasopoulos, Elaine Machietto, Molly Kuzmeskus, Laura Marshman and Audrey Newcomb. I would also like to thank Wayne Carr and Bob Littlefield for all their hard work and readiness to help. Thanks to Eric Munson III and the Police Department for lending their trailer. Thanks to Rosemary McAlister for her patience and for reaching all the high spots with the roller. Most of all, I would like to thank Jo Ann and Hillary Carl who helped with everything and on so many days with no reward other than a better understanding of the alphabet. Without the help of all of these people, this monumental task would never have been accomplished. Tolland and the little Library are grateful.

Happy Holidays to you all and my very best wishes for the New Year.

### New Items:

Gingerbread: Houses, Animals and Decorations by Joanna Farrow

Nature Girl by Carl Hiaasen

True North: Peary, Cook and the Race to the Pole by Bruce Henderson

Big Bam: The Life and Times of Babe Ruth by Leigh Montville

The Boy's Own Book by William Clarke

The Girl's Own Book by L. Maria Child

Judy Moody Around the World in 8 \_ Days by Megan McDonald

The Snow Globe Family by Jane O'Conner

Christmas in New England by Amy Whorf McGuiggan

Last Minute Fabric Gifts by Cynthia Treen Movies and more and more and more.....





### *Fire Department News*

The meetings/drills for the month of December are the following Tuesday nights, December 5th and December 19th from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to stop by the fire house during this time, please feel free to do so.

Order forms for the reflective house number signs can be picked up at the Town Hall during their regular business hours. Also, an order form is printed in the ad section of the Tattler if you are unable to make it to the Town Hall.

During our November 14th drill night, members took part in a simulated smoke drill. Smoke bombs were placed in an empty house and members went into the house wearing airpicks and with charged attacks line. It was a great drill. Unfortunately, our Rescue Truck broke down again.

Responses for the month of November:

- . 1 Chimney Fire
- . 1 Flooding/broken dam
- . 1 Mutual Ad to Town of Granville
- . 2 Windstorm Calls - trees down
- . 1 CO2 Detector Activated
- . 1 Wires down

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter or first responder, please call me at my office at 258-2859 or at my home at 258-4094 or stop by during our meeting/drill nights.

Our First Responder Class has been rescheduled for the month of January. Should anyone be interested in taking the class, please contact me.

Happy Holidays! from the members of the Tolland Volunteer Fire Department.

*Chief, Robert Littlefield, Sr.*

---

The Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation would like to express sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Walter Phelon, a long-time resident of Granville. Mr. Phelon recently passed away at the age of 99. Mr. Phelon was a generous supporter of the Foundation. His financial support permitted the Foundation to establish, in memory of his wife, the Katherine E. Phelon Memorial Scholarship Fund. Since its inception, this permanent memorial fund has provided, and will continue to provide, scholarships to undergraduate students from both Granville and Tolland.

Tolland Volunteer Fire Department  
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER  
ORDER FORM

Please complete the following information:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, ST. , ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

Address Number Requested

--	--	--	--	--

Note: if your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.

---

**MOUNTING PREFERENCE**

Horizontal \_\_\_\_\_

Vertical \_\_\_\_\_

HORIZONTAL

V  
E  
R  
T  
I  
C  
A  
L

ONLY  
\$15.



**FOR INFORMATION, call 258-2859**

Checks payable to: Tolland Volunteer Fire Department  
162A Colebrook River Road  
Tolland, MA 01034

## *Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation*

A chapter of Dollars for Scholars  
P.O. Box 214, Granville, MA 01034-0214  
[www.tolland-ma.gov](http://www.tolland-ma.gov)

Smart Money—the Dollars for Scholars Financial Aid Tip of the Month brought to you by New England Dollars for Scholars and Nellie Mae

College visits help you “test drive” schools

Whether you've been accepted to college or are shopping for a college, the campus visit is your best opportunity to test drive various schools. College is a major investment of your time and money, so you want a school that's the right fit for you. By talking to the right people, asking the right questions, and experiencing a school's unique vibe, you can learn more in a one-day visit than you could in months of studying a college's promotional materials, web site, DVDs, and review ratings.

Arrange your visit in advance. Contact the admissions office about available touring options and information sessions for prospective students. Try to schedule a visit during a regular school day so that you can observe the normal campus bustle. Make appointments to see an admissions officer, a financial aid administrator, and/or a professor in your likely major. Interested in specific extracurricular activities? Ask if you can meet with an involved student, adviser, or coach. Be realistic about scheduling your time so you can see and do everything you want. If the visit requires an overnight stay, ask if you can spend the night in a dorm.

Do your homework. Get ready for your visit by checking out the school's web site, course catalogs, and any materials that the college may have sent. As you research each school, write down any questions you want to ask. Become familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of each college as they pertain to your preferences.

Evaluate each campus you visit. Be open to what each school has to offer. During a visit, it's easy to be dazzled by stately architecture, an enthusiastic tour leader, and the sheer energy of most campuses. What matters is whether this college is right for you, your education goals, and your family's budget. Can you envision yourself spending several years there? Bring a notebook to record your impressions and questions, a camera, and a map of each campus you visit as well as the surrounding area. Here are a few things to consider doing or asking during a campus visit.

- Take a guided tour of the campus (dorms, academic facilities, student centers, athletic and fitness centers, and library).
- Eat where the students eat.
- Speak to an admissions officer and a financial aid administrator.
- Observe a class in session, and speak to a professor in your probable major.
- Interview students to learn what they like and dislike about the school.
- Ask about the best places for students to study on campus.
- Is there a student writing center or tutor program?
- Ask about on-campus and local weekend activities.
- What are the cultural resources on and off campus?
- What medical facilities are available and are they open 24/7?
- Ask about the campus security situation and campus crime statistics.
- Read the school newspapers, student publications, and bulletin boards.
- At some time during your visit, just wander the campus and people watch.

One critical question to ask yourself on a college visit is: Can I afford this school? In many cases, the answer is Yes, with student loans from Nellie Mae. High school students and parents can download Nellie Mae's Steps to Success: A Comprehensive Guide to Preparing and Paying for College, at [www.nelliemae.com/pdf/steps.pdf](http://www.nelliemae.com/pdf/steps.pdf). This popular brochure features an overview of the financial aid process, along with helpful resources such as an award letter comparison worksheet and a glossary of financial aid terms.



## *Veterans, Corner*

I am happy to report to my readers that the quest for T-shirts, hats and water bottles campaign has been a GREAT success. This office has sent out about 25 cases of articles for our wounded soldiers in the past few weeks. The over whelming response from our community has been outstanding, to the point where both hospitals have asked us to stop for a while. I think they underestimated just how strong this community is when it comes to our veterans. They were overwhelmed by the volume. We still have a number of cases to move. We are in the process of contacting other major hospitals who care for our wounded soldiers. At this time we are awaiting a call back from the military Burn Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. I would think that they would welcome the donations.

Now I would like to thank some of the many people who have supported this cause with either money donations or items. I want you all to know that this list is not necessarily complete, and we are very appreciative to all. I have already sent "thank you" notes to many. We would like to recognize the following people and companys, Philips Fasteners, Hamilton Sundstrand, Linda Parotta, Bill Quesnal, Tracy Davis from United Technologies , Southwick Sr. Center, Sr. at the American Inn, Murray Pearson, Marion Ekstedt, Amelia McMeans, and many more.....THANK YOU!

Even though we are taking a breather from the T-shirt Campaign, we are still supporting 3 deployed unites overseas. If you have any items you wish to donate for our deployed troops ie: baby wipes, powdered drink mix, hard candy, etc. They all would like to get holiday cards for the Holiday season. If you would like to send a card or cards to your soldiers, just address it to "ANY SOLDIER " and we will send them to the units we know of.

I ask that while you enjoy your Thanksgiving Dinner with your family, give a moment of silence for the service men and women who are not enjoying their holiday meal with their family. Also pray for those who have the empty chair this holiday season that their loved one will be home soon. Happy Thanksgiving.....God Bless America.

*Ed Kellogg, Director*

---

## *Southwick-Tolland Regional School District*

### **PRESCHOOL SCREENING Southwick-Tolland 3-4 years of age**

The Southwick-Tolland Regional School District wishes to announce a screening for children who are three and four years of age. This free screening will be held on Friday, January 12, 2007 at the Southwick-Tolland Early Childhood Center at 512 College Highway, Southwick, MA. Any child, who resides in the towns of Southwick or Tolland, is eligible to participate in this free screening. The screening is a brief survey of a child's growth in several different areas (i.e. readiness skills, speech/language, hearing and vision). This screening is provided for several reasons:

1. to provide families with information on how a child is developing in relation to other children of similar age,
2. to help identify children who may need additional assistance in one of the above developmental areas, and
3. it's a prerequisite for enrollment as a peer partner in the Public School's Preschool Program.

Southwick-Tolland Regional School District offers a high quality integrated preschool program that is a language-based, educational program for children. It is reasonably priced and has a payment plan. If you are interested in placing your child in this preschool setting, please sign up for a free screening and make an appointment to visit our program.

Please call 569-6598 for an appointment

*Granville Federated Church, American Baptist & United Church of Christ*

16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034—Phone 413-357-8583

- Saturday, Dec. 2: The annual Advent Celebration will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. with a crafts time for the children. The monthly potluck supper will follow at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Celebration will end with a carol sing in the sanctuary. You are welcome to attend any or all the events of the day.
- ORGAN DEDICATION and FREE CONCERT: Mark your calendars! On Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. the dedication of the new organ is planned. This is a grand pipe organ and Alan Taylor, longtime organist for First Congregational Church, Westfield will perform in a free concert. Taylor was one of the builders of the organ with a Vermont based company. Plan to attend for a musical treat! Refreshments will follow the program.
- The Ladies Aid will meet for their Christmas party/potluck luncheon at noon on Wed., Dec. 13. A meeting will follow.
- Breakfast will be served on Sun., Dec. 17 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. The regular Christmas Sunday Service will be at 10 a.m.
- New Year's Eve Sunday service will be on Dec. 31 at 10 a.m.
- Monday—7pm-AA Meeting
- Sunday—10am-Morning Worship & Sunday School
- Thursday—7pm-Adult Choir Practice
- First Saturday—6pm-Potluck Supper
- Third Sunday—8:30-9:30am-Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
- Third Wednesday—Noon-Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
- Fourth Sunday—11:15am—Adult Study Program led by the Rev. McMahon

*All are welcome*

---

*New Phone numbers and hours for Town Hall Offices:*

*Town Hall -Main no. 413 258-4794*

*Hours:* • Mon. & Tue. - 8am to 4pm  
• Wed. from 8am to 12pm

*Building Inspector* will be meeting by appointment only.

- Appointments can be made by calling 258-4590.

*Assessor Clerk's hours :* Mon. 10am - 4pm

*Town Clerk - 413 258-4068*

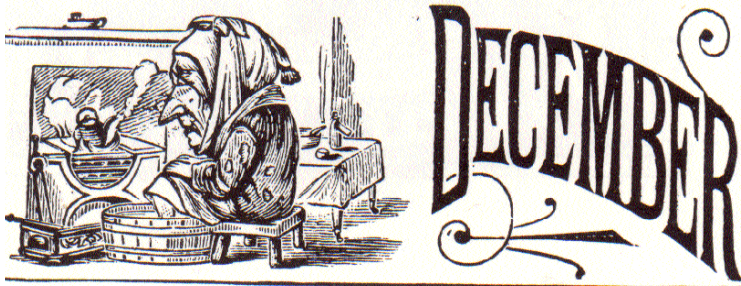
*Hours:* Monday 2 -4 pm, and by appointment

*Board of Assessors - 413 258-4889*

*Hours:* Monday 10am - 4pm

*Library Hours:*

Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm  
Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm  
Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  9 - 11:00 am DUMP
3  3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	4 5:00pm Selectmen	5	6 6:30pm Ladies card group  5-7:00pm DUMP	7	8	9  9 - 11:00 am DUMP
10  3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	11 5:00pm Selectmen  6:30pm Historical Soc. & Commision	12 7:00-10:00pm Fire Dept. Mtg. / Drill	13 6:30pm Ladies card group  5-7:00pm DUMP	14	15	16 FIRST DAY of CHANUKAH  9 - 11:00 am DUMP
17  3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	18 5:00pm Selectmem 7:00pm Planning Board	19	20 6:30pm Ladies card group  5-7:00pm DUMP	21 FIRST DAY of WINTER	22	23  9 - 11:00 am DUMP
24/31  3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	25 CHRISTMAS  Town Hall Closed	26 1:00pm Board of Assessors	27  5-7:00pm DUMP	28	29	30  9 - 11:00 am DUMP

**THE TOLLAND TATTLER** is a monthly newsletter and a non-profit, volunteer publication by the Board of Selectmen of Tolland, Massachusetts. It is distributed free to residents. The Tolland Tattler solicits news and calendar items from town boards and community groups, and will try to print all the news received.

*Policy regarding copy submitted for the "Letters to the Editor" column:*

The Tolland Tattler is the official publication of the Town of Tolland and is sponsored by the Tolland Board of Selectmen. It receives additional funding from various groups including the Council on Aging. The Board of Selectmen maintains the right to review letters submitted to the 'Letters to the Editor' column for content. Letters that are in bad taste, derogatory or present a potential legal problem will not be printed.

**DEADLINE:** Copy and calendar events must be received by the 20th of each month. Items can be mailed to the Town Hall, dropped off at the Town Hall or by E-Mail to: [jeanwillow@crocker.com](mailto:jeanwillow@crocker.com)

**ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES:**

Prices :1/4 page - \$5.00 • 1/2 page - \$10.00 • full page \$20.00

Mechanical specifications can be obtained by contacting:

The Tolland Tattler

Jean Jinks, Editor

Tolland Town Hall

241 West Granville Road

Tolland MA 01034

Phone: 413-258-4217 / e-mail [jeanwillow@crocker.com](mailto:jeanwillow@crocker.com)